

Rehab Policy for single family housing located in areas greater than 65 decibels as shown on noise contour map:

The Department of Community Development will not perform any rehab work on houses where any portion of the house is located in the greater than 65 decibel contour as shown on noise contour map. This policy is due primarily to:

1. The Department of Community Development's resource limitations in staffing, funding and expertise to evaluate each individual house located in areas that exceeds 65 decibels and
2. The Department of HUD's desire to discourage rehab in areas of greater than 65 decibel readings.

The Department of Community Development recognizes that each house has unique features and landscaping that will affect decibel level. Also, each house location with respect to other houses around it may influence sound decibel level. Therefore a homeowner may at the home owner's own expense provide the Department of Community Development with information showing the property is not located in a greater than 65 decibel level. The information must come from an environmental certified noise specialist who has training and experience in preparing noise assessments under the HUD noise book guidelines.

Certification credentials must be approved by the Department of Community Development prior to the homeowner exercising this option.